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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level doctors' team from Centre had visited Kuttanadu area in Kerala to assess poor health condition of the people of the said area;

(b) if so, whether the team has submitted its report;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to provide special health package for the people of Kuttanadu in order to improve health conditions in the area?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a), (b) & (c): A Central Health Team comprising experts from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) and National Institute of Virology (NIV), Kerala Unit visited Allpuzzha and Kollam districts of Kerala during 22nd _ 27th July 2011 to investigate causes of fever outbreak in Allappuzha and Kollam districts of Kerala. The team in its report submitted that the fever outbreak was of Japanese Encephalitis with co-existent infections of Dengue and Chinkungunya. The team has recommended control of vector, filling up stagnant pools and ponds, carrying out fogging operations and other preventive measures.

(d): Government of India is implementing National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) for prevention and control of various diseases. Under National Rural Health Mission, the State/UT Governments including Government of Kerala incorporated their requirement for improvement of health infrastructure for providing better health delivery services in their annual Programme Implementation Plan [PIP].